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9/6/2007 10:53:11 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to appraisals@gorge.net.

appraisals@gorge.net wrote on 9/5/2007 10:05:41 PM :

I would like to Urge you and your Colleges to Allow the Merger with Sirius and XM to Move Forward. The Fact that the National Association of Broadcasters is So Against it should be Proof Enough that they are In Direct Competition with Satellite Radio or It Wouldn't Matter to them and They Wouldn't have Spent Millions of Dollars Lobbying against the Merger. When You Purchase almost any New Car a Satellite Radio is offered as is Free terrestrial Radio and I-Pod Capabilities that also Offers a Subscription Package, All Three Formats would be Considered in direct Competition.

Please Don't Let The NAB Dictate policy on any Competition they Fear

Thank-You

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PKerpen@afphq.org wrote on 8/30/2007 11:53:04 AM :

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To Chairman Martin:

On behalf of our members, I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission's approval of the merger of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. ("XM") and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. ("Sirius"). The merger is a free-market transaction to create a more competitive company. It is in the public interest and should be allowed to go forward without unnecessary government intervention.

AFP is a nationwide organization of more than 200,000 citizen leaders committed to advancing economic freedom and opportunity. AFP believes that reducing the size and scope of government is the best safeguard to ensuring freedom and prosperity for all Americans. AFP members promote public policies that champion the principles of entrepreneurship and fiscal and regulatory restraint. These principles inform our support of the merger.

The government should not unnecessarily interfere with the merger of XM and Sirius and should allow the free market, not regulation, to determine winners and losers in the audio entertainment marketplace. In a robust and rapidly evolving market like audio entertainment, consumer demand informs the business judgments of companies, drives innovation, and sets the course for the future of the market. This merger is a result of those consumer demands and market forces, and should not be impeded by artificial regulation.

In addition, economic incentives will exist for the combined company to offer an interoperable radio, and will offer a subscription to all of the content at a price lower than the current $25.90 for both services. These commitments make market sense for the combined company, which will continue to have strong competition from many different sources after the merger.

One result of a market-driven merger is positive synergies. Setting aside the price and programming benefits that the companies have publicly committed to offer, this merger will result in market synergies that will even further drive satellite radio innovation, expanded service offerings, and greater operational efficiency. Cost savings from these efficiencies could be passed along to consumers. Government action that analyzes this merger too narrowly and results in denial of this application would not serve the public interest and will eliminate these potential synergies.

The Commission should give no credence to claims that this merger will create a monopoly with market power. Present market data suggest that terrestrial radio is the dominant player in the audio entertainment market. The broadcasters' very interest in the merger belies their claim that it would create a monopoly-they clearly view satellite radio, correctly, as a direct competitor. Other services in this market are also backed by strong competitors, including major wireless telephone companies and successful companies like Apple.

The satellite radio companies have lost over $6 billion in the past 8 years and continue to run sizable operating losses. Given the intense competition from new technologies, two satellite radio companies may simply not be viable. Far from creating a monopoly, the merger may be the best hope of satellite radio remaining commercially viable at all in this transformed landscape. Regulatory intervention to block the merger may be more likely to leave us with zero satellite providers than with two.

We do not believe that the FCC's job is to protect incumbent competitors from the threat of stronger competition from newer and smaller entrants. To block this merger would be anathema to the free market principles that truly drive innovation in the United States.

Sincerely,

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mdinon22@yahoo.com wrote on 8/24/2007 11:19:46 AM :

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August 13, 2007

FCC
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

I would like all the option that a merger would provide to consumers.
Please ok this merger as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mike Blondino
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cph0200@optonline.net wrote on 8/24/2007 11:19:52 AM :

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August 17, 2007

FCC
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

We strongly implore you to allow this merger. We enjoy football and baseball so we have to pay for both services. we should be able to have both sports and programming for what we are paying.

Sincerely,

Carol Herrmann
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9/6/2007 4:58:55 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to morrisseycra@yahoo.com.

morrisseycra@yahoo.com wrote on 9/6/2007 11:59:54 AM :

John Field (morrisseycra@yahoo.com) writes:

Mr Martin,

Good afternoon. I just wanted to touch base with you very quickly and let you know that I'm firmly against the merger between XM and Sirius. I am convinced that the merger of these two companies is nothing more than a bail-out for Sirius who has been throwing money around haphazardly for the last few years and that this will create a monopoly. Mr. Karmizin states that this will bring lower prices and more choice. I disagree with him and believe that it creates less choices in the long run (i.e. One satellite company instead of two). I am an XM subscriber and am very satisfied with the programming. I do not want Sirius to come in and take away the programming I have become accustomed to over the last year I have been a subscriber. Please vote no against this merger. When these companies were created, one of the conditions was that they would not merge. Please hold them to this agreement they made.

Thank you for all of your hard work and your continued efforts working for the Federal Communications Commission.

Kind regards,

John Field
Wilmington, NC

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9/7/2007 4:57:40 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to pbesler@hotmail.com.

pbesler@hotmail.com wrote on 9/7/2007 9:02:53 AM :

Phillip Besler (pbesler@hotmail.com) writes:

I am e-mailing you to voice my concerns about the XM and Sirius satellite radio proposed merger. If this is allowed to happen, I fear that regardless of what the respective companies vow, there will be price gouging and unfair practices which are not allowed in other industries.

Also, since neither company can post a profit to save their lives, I also fear that current subscribers will be forced to pay higher fees to keep the company afloat. Also, there will be, I am afraid, pleas to congress for bail out money when the merged company's cash flow starts to hemorrhage seriously.

For these reasons and more, please do not allow the merger to happen.

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